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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF ELENA SEVILLA (213/77/11)

REF: KATES TO CASTRO LETTER OF NOVEMBER 18, 1977

1. APPRECIATE IF DEPARTMENT WOULD PASS THIS
TELEGRAM TO MR. ROBERT W. KATES, CHAIRMAN,
COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS NATIONAL ACADEMY
OF SCIENCES, 2101 CONSTITUTION AVENUE, NW,
WASHINGTON DC 20418.

2. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LETTER OF
NOVEMBER 18, 1977 CALLING THE EMBASSY'S
ATTENTION TO
IYE CASE OF MS. ELENA SEVILLA,
WHO IS IMPRISONED IN VILLA DEVOTO PRISON.

3. THE EMBASSY RAISED THE MATTER OF
MS. SEVILLA'S DETENTION ON NOVEMBER 21, 1977
WITH THE FOREIGN OFFICE WORKING GROUP ON
HUMAN RIGHTS, AND INFORMED ITS CHAIRMAN
OF THE US INTEREST IN MS. SEVILLA'S
SITUATION. IT APPEARED POSSIBLE TO US
MS. SEVILLA'S NAME MIGHT BE AMONG THOSE PERSONS TO BE
RELEASED DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, BUT SHE WAS NOT
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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S2000000044)

U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/TPS

Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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AMONG THE 432 PERSONS WHOSE SITUATION WAS GIVEN
AMELIORATION.

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4. ONE POSSIBILITY FOR HER RELEASE IS UNDER ARGENTINA'S "RIGHT OF OPTION" PROGRAM, FOR WHICH PERMISSION TO ENTER ANOTHER COUNTRY IS REQUIRED. ||

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1 ALTHOUGH WE HAVE
AT THIS TIME NO SPECIAL REFUGEE PAROLE PROGRAM FOR ARGENTINES WHO SEEK TO LEAVE HERE IN THE RIGHT OF OPTION CATEGORY, WE UNDERSTAND THAT CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO INSTITUTING SUCH A PROGRAM.

5. I APPRECIATE YOUR WRITING. I AND MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY HAD DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. DADDARIO, PRÉSIDENT OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO BUENOS AIRES. HIS TRIP WAS VERY USEFUL. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE VISIT IN MARCH OF YOUR COLLEAGUE DR. ANFINSON FROM THE ACADEMY.

6. SINCERELY YOURS, RAUL CASTRO, AMBASSADOR.
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